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Charles Reynolds, General Manager Co-Op Mining Company P.O. Box 1245 Huntington, Utah 84528

Subject: Conditional Approval of #3 Mine Escarpment Failure, Co-Op Mining Company, Bear Canyon Mine, C/015/0025, Task ID #2322, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

The above-referenced amendment is conditionally approved upon receipt of seven clean copies prepared for incorporation. Please submit these copies immediately. Once we receive the clean copies, final approval will be granted, at which time you may proceed with your plans.

A stamped incorporated copy of the approved plans will also be returned to you at that time, for insertion into your copy of the Mining and Reclamation Plan. The reviewing engineer has determined that it is not necessary to update the Master Technical Analysis for the Bear Canyon #3 Mine, as there have been no changes in the requirements to leave protection barriers under escarpments. No escarpments exist in the surface area where full retreat pillar extraction is being proposed (6 Right South off of east sub-mains, #3 Mine). Therefore, a copy of our Master Technical Analysis is not being included.

If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5268 or Peter Hess at (435) 613-1146, Ext. 203. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig Permit Supervisor

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cc: Price Field Office

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